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Devoted to Agricultural, Commercial and Manufacturing Interests of Fredericksburg and the Tidewater and Piedmont Country
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1902.—SECOND PART.

THE GREAT FALL STOCK —AT THE— MIGHTY CASH CORNER

is now complete and ready for your inspection. Mr. Timberlake, after many days' scouring the Northern markets, has succeeded in securing for cash the cheapest stock of

FALL and WINTER GOODS
that has ever been exhibited in this market. These will give you a fair idea of how much cheaper we sell than others.

A good heavy 40 inch brown cotton, worth 64c our price 4c per yard. A good heavy wool Kersey, worth 1.50c our price 33c per yard. Good 50c Umbrellas here for 30c. Men's good heavy fleeced Underwear, worth 50c, our price 30c. Good Calicoes here for 4c. Good Gingham here for 4c. A little new jacket in the new color shade, worth \$5, here for \$3.75. Just such bargains in every department. Greater values than ever in Wool Dress Goods, Ladies' and Children's Wraps, Blankets, etc. All we ask is for you to come to see us. If we don't

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E. T. Baker's Old Stand, Market Corner, Fredericksburg, Va.

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- \$1 Swamp Root, our price 66c
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- \$1 Paine's Celery Compound, our price 66c
- 50c Bulb Syringe, our price 37c
- 75c Household Syringe, our price 47c
- 75c Atomizer, our price 60c
- 50c Groves' Chill Tonic, our price 24c

A fine line of Paints, Oils and Varnishes at Bottom Figures. The only drug store in the city not a member of any trust, combination or association. Cut Rate For Cash.

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Furniture of the Reliable Kind.

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It is entirely due to the generous support of the public that we are enabled to commence the fall season with such a truly excellent assortment of **FINE FURNITURE, RUGS and CARPETS.**

A stock that represents the choicest patterns of the best manufacturers all over the country. A stock that contains a wide variety of every grade of furniture for every room in the house. A stock that you will willingly admit to be the best assortment in the whole city.

JACKSON BROS.
SIX GREAT CASH FURNITURE HOUSES.
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Freight prepaid on all orders of \$10 or more within a radius of 100 miles of Washington. Mention this paper.

New Fall Clothing Just Opened.

Men's and Boys Suits and Over Coats. All styles and prices, and extra Pants. Also Hats, Gents' Furnishing Goods and Trunks cheap at

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Virginia Clothing House

In order to make room for Fall and Winter Clothing and Gent's Furnishings, we have decided to give a 10 per cent. discount on all our net cash sales. And don't forget that we handle an up-to-date line of Shoes, Hats, Caps, Trunks, Umbrellas and Canes.

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FREDERICKSBURG, VA.

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always follows the use of the Fredericksburg Milling Co.'s Flour. Whether you make bread, cakes, pies or any kind of pastry, you will find this Flour a safe and reliable stand-by. Try it once and you'll never use any other.

Fredericksburg Milling Co.,
Fredericksburg, Va.

A HOT TIME IN FINCHVILLE.

On last Wednesday morning the writer, accompanied by another Fredericksburger, drove to the neighborhood of Finchville for the purpose of doing a little hunting. When approaching the town, before even the steeples were in sight, we met a number of vehicles full of good Spotylvania citizens all busy discussing some subject. It was evident to the most casual observer that something unusual had disturbed the serenity of that old town that had not known no excitement since the days when Grant's army was encamped near by.

Passing a prominent attorney of Fredericksburg, seated on an old stump in conference with a magistrate, we judged it might prove of profit to linger a while to learn the meaning of the evident excitement and perhaps to hear an eloquent and eloquent speech, for Mr. Editor, the air of that section is productive of eloquence, as all the world knows (The Lion of the Wilderness had his hair some years ago not very far from this spot).

Now to explain: On last Saturday one of our most popular citizens was driving along the main street near Finchville. He must be a little nervous, for he grew mad at the barking of an old dog named Billy Barlow, the property of an old lady who says she is nearly eight hundred years old. This head citizen, so the naburs say, started in to curse the dog. The old lady ran out and asked him what he meant by using such language to an old dog like that. The old lady's voice is shrill and loud, and the nervous man speaks rather loud at times himself, so you may know what a time we had in Finchville.

"Want no quiet time, I kin tell you. The man was a talkin' like he wanted the folks at Brock's store to hear what he had to say, the old lady war a sawin' the air with her talk, and Billy Barlow war a barkin' like as if he had freed every squirrel in the wilderness. The old lady's little gal war a peeking through the honey-suckle bush, and seed and heard the hull of it.

The man says that he war only husin' a Billy Barlow, but the old lady and the gal swate that he war a cussin' them. They's er goin' to try him now. The question is, war this man a cussin' of Billy Barlow or of the old lady?

Much to our regret we could not stay to hear the speech which we know the aforesaid attorney had up his sleeve for such a subject might well furnish the eloquence of even a Demosthenes. We crossed the narrow gauge and went to the house of Mr. Parker where we were expected. Parker provided us with dogs but warned us not to shoot any dogs or any turkeys for the question of dogs was then uppermost in the minds of the community and as for the turkeys it was "clear against the law." It was agreed upon however that rather than let our clothes tear off, as Dave Harum said when asked to take a drink, we would shoot at all turkeys that attempted to do violence to us. We found only squirrels but we had the pleasure of meeting Billy Williamson. He killed a squirrel's tail up in a crotch of a tree and we could see nothing more than the tail but Billy shot and down dropped the squirrel, shot through the head. Upon remarking at the excellence of Billy's marksmanship one of his neighbors said "it warnt no tellin' whar Billy war a gwine to hit for he war as cross-eyed as a meeder mink."

Wednesday night the neighbors gathered at Mr. Parker's and rehearsed all the scenes and incidents in connection with the now famous Billy Barlow and at this time we learned that the nervous S. T. S. had been fined ten dollars, but we could not learn whether he had been fined for using strong language to Billy Barlow, to the old lady or for disturbing that graveyard-like quiet that has reigned in Finchville for so these many years.

After we retired we could still hear the friends of Mr. Parker discussing in low tones the pedigree and past deeds of Billy Barlow. Thursday on the way back to Fredericksburg, we met several groups of people talking of the great day in the history of Finchville. The news has even reached the town itself and now any of our citizens journeying through the wilds of Spotylvania must expect to be compelled to listen to the tale of Billy Barlow with all its variations.

Finchville has made a name for herself, for she has presented to the popular mind a new question, for in the future the question as to who hit Billy Patterson will be forgotten and the newer question thrust upon the Spotylvania public—"Was S. T. S. a cussin' of Billy Barlow or of the old lady?"

It Happened in a Drug Store.

"One day last winter a lady came to my drug store and asked for a brand of cough medicine that I did not have in stock," says Mr. C. R. Grandin, the popular druggist of Ontario, N. Y. "She was disappointed and wanted to know what preparation I could recommend. I said to her that I could freely recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and that she could take a bottle of the remedy and after giving it a fair trial if she did not find it worth the money to bring back the bottle and I would refund the price paid. In the course of a day or two the lady came back in company with a friend in need of a cough medicine and advised her to buy a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I consider that a very good recommendation for the remedy." It is for sale by M. M. Lewis.

The spellbinder is now abroad—but sometimes he has to leave an audience—Burlington Hawk-Eye.

E. W. Stearns

This signature is on every box of the genuine **Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets** the remedy that cures a cold in one day.

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to come in town to see them. Worth one-third more. We promise to fit you and we keep the promise. Then again they have style. Our training of 25 years as the high price tailors has fit us for the work we are now doing as the low price tailors.

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CURRENT TOPICS.

The last remnant of the Populist party has gone. Peffer has shaved off his beard. —Louisville Courier-Journal.

General Miles squeezed through the Golden Gate without breaking down any of the rocks on either side. —Dallas News.

Senator Hanna remarks again, "There is no such thing as a trust." Mr. Hanna evidently is trying to use the Christian Science treatment for the trust evil. —Macon News.

The following civilian candidates from Virginia have qualified in their examinations for second lieutenant in the regular army: Joseph F. Ware, Harry L. Jordan, John W. Hyatt.

The exporting of American shoes is of comparatively recent growth. In 1885 this country exported only \$1,000,000 worth of boots and shoes, but for the fiscal year 1901 it sent abroad \$5,500,000 worth of boots and shoes, and England and her colonies took \$4,400,000 worth of this total.

An effort is being made in Sweden to use electricity in agriculture. A seed field is covered by a network of wire, and a strong electric current is turned on during nights and chilly days, but cut off during sunny and warm weather. The system was invented by Professor Lemström of Helsingfors, Finland.

Some time ago the customs authorities seized a box of skittles that arrived in Constantinople on the plea that the balls were hard and heavy and might be used as cannon balls, which would be exceedingly dangerous. It was not till one of the employees had taken a lot of trouble that the balls were given up.

Little Boy Hanged "Just For the Fun of It."

Lloyd Pitney Hammill, resident of Alhambra, N. J., found the body of his 13-year-old son swinging by a rope from a tree in the graveyard next to his home. Life was extinct and the boy had evidently been dead for several hours. It was reported that the lad was strangled in fun by some of his school-mates. A murderer is to be hanged at May's Landing next month. It is stated that the boys were playing at hanging the man and that Hammill was dead before his companions were aware of it.

Natural Anxiety.

Mothers regard approaching winter with uneasiness, children take cold so easily. No disease costs more little lives than croup. It's attack is so sudden that the sufferer is often beyond human aid before the doctor arrives. Such cases yield readily to One Minute Cough Cure. Liquidifies the mucus, allays inflammation, removes danger. Absolutely safe. Acts immediately. Cures coughs, colds, grip, bronchitis, all throat and lung trouble. F. S. McMahon, Hampton, Ga. "A bad cold rendered me voiceless just before an oratorical contest. I intended to withdraw but took One Minute Cough Cure. It restored my voice in time to win the medal." D. C. Bowman.

Vanderbilts To Make Trip To Richmond In Automobile.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred G. Vanderbilt, accompanied by Reginald Vanderbilt and Miss Nelson, will leave Richmond, Long Island next Monday to make an automobile trip to Richmond. They will probably be on the road a week.

When you have no appetite, do not rely on food and feel dull after eating you may know that you need a dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Price, 25 cents. Samples free at M. M. Lewis's drug store.

Tobacco Shipped To Spain.

One thousand hogheads (1,200,000 pounds) of tobacco, Virginia primings, were shipped from Richmond last week to the Spanish government under the Regie contract. Most of the tobacco was bought at Lynchburg.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

Since Bishop Potter's marriage the paragraphs are having a good deal of fun with him. The Birmingham Age-Herald declares his favorite hymn is "Abide With Me."

Stops the Cough and works off the Cold. Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets cure a cold in one day. No Cure, No Pay. Price 25 cents.

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For the Best Clothing and Furnishings—ever offered for your consideration. We don't wait until the end of the season to cut prices. But right at the beginning we commence to offer values that are astonishing to the buying public of this city. Don't wait until the last moment, but take advantage of the following immediately:

MEN'S FALL SUITS.		MEN'S TROUSERS.	
Men's suits that sell regularly for \$8—special today at	\$5.39	Men's trousers that are worth \$1.50—special today at	98c
Men's suits that sell regularly for \$12—special today at	7.29	Men's trousers that are worth \$2.50—special today at	\$1.29
Men's suits that sell regularly for \$14—special today at	9.38	Men's trousers that are worth \$3.50—special today at	1.89
Men's suits that sell regularly for \$16—special today at	11.60	Men's trousers that are worth \$4.50—special today at	2.39
Men's suits that sell regularly for \$18—special today at	12.48	Men's trousers that are worth \$5.00—special today at	2.98
Men's suits that sell regularly for \$20—special today at	14.25	Men's trousers that are worth \$6.00—special today at	3.98
Men's \$22 Tuxedo suits for	\$14.50	Men's Corduroy Pants for	\$1.48
Men's \$25 Prince Albert suits for	15.00	Children's Corduroy Knee Pants—a big bargain	39c
Men's \$18 Full Dress suits for	12.50		

FALL OVERCOATS.		CHILDREN'S SUITS.	
Men's overcoats that sell regularly for \$8.50—special at	\$6.40	Children's \$2.00 suits—special at	\$1.39
Men's overcoats that sell regularly for \$10.00—special at	8.69	Children's \$3.00 suits—special at	1.99
Men's overcoats that sell regularly for \$12.00—special at	10.75	Children's \$4.00 suits—special at	2.39
Men's overcoats that sell regularly for \$15.00—special at	12.60	Children's \$5.00 suits—special at	2.99
		Children's \$6.00 suits—special at	3.98
		Boys' \$5.00 suits—special at	\$3.39
		Boys' \$7.00 suits—special at	5.29
		Boys' \$10.00 suits—special at	6.80

SHOE DEPARTMENT—THE BEST \$2.00 SHOE IN AMERICA.

Specials in Furnishings Department

75c Fleece Underwear, per garment	50c	Men's socks in black and tan	10c
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A Complete Line of Root's Underwear.			
Unfinished shirts, linen bosom, split neckbands—special at	39c	Single and double breasted blue flannel shirts for	98c

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of preparation for Winter is now on, and you'll make a mistake to put off longer the selection of those things you know you'll need. You know choice styles are sold out early, and late buyers have to take what they can get. Don't delay—get out at once and buy your supplies, whether you buy from us or not. Don't overlook the grand collection of **COLD WEATHER THINGS**

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THE ENTERPRISE STORE.

Ribbed Knit Undershirts, elastic and warm, at 25c, 50c, \$1 to \$1.50. Ribbed Knit Undershirts and Pants at 25c, 37½c, 50c to \$1.50. Heavy warm Flannelettes at 10c. Beautiful fleece back Acme Flannelettes at 10c. Warm Elder Down House Jackets, red, pink, blue, gray, \$1 to \$1.50. Gray, red, white, blue, twill and plain flannels for underwear. Dark Percales for waists and children's dresses. New Dark Calicoes for house wrappers. New Fall Dress Goods in the proper shades and styles. New Waist Cloths in plain colors and fancy designs.

READY-TO-WEAR

stylish new Jackets, Monte Carlo Cloaks and Furs. Handsome trimmed Dress Skirts in newest designs. Lovely new Tailor-made Suits right from the factory. Flannel Shirt Waists, Mercerized Waists, Flannelette Waists.

Make Home Ready.

Lovely Lace Curtains, from 50c up, in late designs. Warm, cheerful looking Portiers from \$2 up. Beautiful Silkoline Draperies, Crepons, etc. Warm Wool Blankets, Bed Spreads, Comforts, etc. Rich, bright colored Table Covers and Floor Rugs.

Let the day be dark and cloudy—you can see what you are buying in this daylight store, and a cordial welcome awaits your coming to buy or to look.

E. W. STEARNS.

Every Train and Every Boat

Arriving with freights are bringing our

Fall Goods

of every description, and if you will carefully follow up our advertising, make frequent visits to our store, and keep in touch with us by mail or phone, you will receive from time to time information that will be of advantage to you.

Genuine Penn. Mountain Buckwheat Flour—the best in America—7 pounds for	25c
Genuine New Orleans Molasses, per gallon	50c
Pancake Flour, 10c; 3 pounds for	25c
New Pine Apple Cheese, 2 pounds each	10c
New Holland Edam Cheese, 4 pounds each	50c
New Neufchatel Cheese, per package	\$1.00
New Currants, Citron and Raisins.	10c
"Westphalia" Hams—the finest—per pound	15c

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Quick deliveries, prompt service, and all goods guaranteed as represented or your money back.

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By order of W. H. Rice, executor of John Haydon, deceased, I will sell on THURSDAY, Oct. 30, 1902, at the shops of the late Mr. Haydon, a large lot of miscellaneous effects of his estate. Some very fine Antique Furniture, several Feather Beds, lot of Bedding and many other articles of value. Terms cash. Sale at 11 a. m. **JAMES ROACH,** Auctioneer.

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